

**MINUTES OF JUDICIAL NOMINATION
COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

The Judicial Nomination Commission convened a meeting by telephone conference call at 10:30 a.m. Public Notice of the meeting was given by posting a notice of the meeting on the Supreme Court website.

The following commissioners, constituting a quorum, were present:

Honorable Ted O. Lympus, Chair
Shirley Ball
Mona Charles
Monica Paoli
Martha Sheehy
Andy Suenram
Paul Tuss

Lois Menzies, the Court Administrator of the Montana Supreme Court and Bonnie Freebury, Andy Suenram's assistant also participated. There were four members of the public participating in the meeting. They identified themselves as Judge Kathy Irigoin, Stacy Anderson, J.P. Crowley and Heather Margolis.

The Commission discussed the reviewing of applications and public comments received. A public comment index was provided to all commission members to review. All members will compare this index to the comments they received and provide Andy with any additional comments that were not included on this list. In regards to public comments coming in after the deadline, they are to be marked "late" and filed. They are not to be posted on the website.

A discussion was held regarding anonymity of persons wanting to make public comments. After all the issues were discussed it was decided that anyone wanting to make an anonymous public comment needs to be notified that anonymity cannot be guaranteed. The individual can then decide if they would still like to comment.

Andy Suenram reviewed the proposed interview schedule with the commission members. It was decided to alter the schedule to move all interviews to Tuesday, December 1st with the business meeting and deliberations to follow on December 2nd. As far as the interview parameters, this will be handled the morning before the interviews begin. No score sheets will be used. It will be a group decision to move the qualified candidates forward.

In regards to the business meeting topics, several items were briefly addressed. All commission members are to provide their list of topics to be discussed to Andy by Wednesday, November 25th so an agenda can be prepared for the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on December 1st and 2nd, 2009 for interviews, deliberations and conducting a business meeting.

Submitted by Andrew P. Suenram